

## November Namikango Graduation by Ryan Hayes

On November 4<sup>th</sup> the Thondwe Church of Christ, located here on the Mission grounds, was the location for the 2014 Namikango Graduation. It was a lovely day celebrating several years of dedicated study for 10 graduates. One of the graduates honored that day had just completed the full set of South Houston Bible Institute (SHBI) courses in order to receive the diploma in Biblical Studies.

All of the graduates were accompanied by their family and friends and provided well-earned support and appreciation. We even had a local member of Malawi Parliament attend.

He enthusiastically supported our work at Namikango. He was so appreciative that he agreed to address the graduating class. His speech was strong and energetic. He proceeded to give a generous gift of \$100 in support to the Mission, plus, he gave \$10 to each of the 10 graduates.

This was a very memorable occasion. We praise God for another solid group of graduates and will continue to pray that each of them will be active participants in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed.



## New Clinic Autoclave



The Maternity Clinic staff is excited now that we ordered a new autoclave. For almost a year, the staff has struggled to use the old autoclave that has outlived its usefulness and kept breaking down.

For staff to cope with the many deliveries at the Clinic, this meant manually boiling the instruments. This was time consuming and caused compromising quality standards where high standards are a must.

The new piece of equipment will go a long way in ensuring that high hygiene standards are maintained for the good of both the health worker on one side and the mother and child on the other. The cost of this Autoclave is \$1922 and contributions toward this are very much appreciated.



## Meet Mervis Tanganyika –

Mervis will be responsible for our office accounting. We are losing Stanley who has been a very valued employee. He will be going away for advanced schooling and hopefully in a few years we will be seeing him again. An extensive search has brought Mervis to us. She will be handling the day-to-day petty cash, purchasing of supplies, and balancing the bank records of the Mission, the Maternity, and of the Ntonda School. She is on a 90-day probation period.

**Bisani Mphongolo**



## Giving Thanks

As the leaves fall from the trees and the winter coats are dusted off from their stay in the closet, we enjoy the coolness and change of weather. The warmth of the fire inside and being with family is something to hold on to. We approach the last month of our stay in the States and look forward to the time we will return to the Mission. For now though, we avoid conversation of our departure with family for this will be a very hard parting.

We have enjoyed the time with cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc. and look forward to the month ahead during the holidays. Our baby boy Britain has grown over the last month and has blessed us with more visits and smiles. Our cups overflow with joy at the blessing of our three children.

We have been very blessed this trip being able to visit churches and family without the need for fundraising the entire time. Our contributors have been faithful for the past two years and we are so grateful for all the Lord has provided for us. Ben has been working hard to connect in person with many of our supporting congregations and partnerships. A recent trip included a few visits in Indiana. Prior to this trip, he preached at Pleasant St. Church of Christ in Arkansas and in the same weekend attended an old family friend's wedding.

In the coming days, we will begin packing our two 50-pound bags apiece, make a few other church visits, and continue to gather information and work on the State-side operation of Namikango Mission.

**Becca Hayes**



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*"Tell The Next Generation . . ."*

**How High** What a joy to see our children raising their children to love and serve the Lord, whether in their passport country or abroad. I am very grateful for my parents, Grandmother Hayes, and the many others who taught us to love and follow Jesus.

As we pray for grandkids, this picture makes me think of Psalm 78, "...*what our fathers have told us...we will **tell the next generation** the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord...so they would know him.*" (vs. 3,4,6). We are excited to see how high the Lord will take them!  
**Kirk Hayes**

## It Serves a Vital Need

This old structure is probably as old as the Clinic itself, and you cannot imagine the amount of good it has done. The Maternity clinic opened its doors in 1974 and Brother B. Shelburne was the architect. On one of his recent visits to Malawi, he spoke of how in those days, they made the bricks by hand for the Clinic.

Imagine a woman in the village who is nearing the time for childbirth, but, she cannot wait until labor pains begin to go to the clinic, by then it would be too late. So, she must go several days ahead. When she gets to the Mission Maternity Clinic she cannot yet occupy a hospital bed because she is not ready to deliver. So, she must wait. That is what the Guardian Shelter is for. She now has a secure place to wait. She waits there along with a family member who will be taking care of her, bathing and cooking for her. This lady also shares the shelter, and sometimes they must bring their small children.

With about 100 babies being delivered every month at this Clinic, the Guardian Shelter plays a critical role in healthy deliveries. There are usually 15 or more ladies at a time sharing this shelter.

Nearby this shelter there is an A-shape Cooking Center where the ladies cook their meals. As I said, it is hard to imagine the amount of good this small building has been. I am grateful that our early leaders had the vision to plan for this – **it serves a vital need**. It was recently rebuilt by The Malawi Project. We are very thankful for their help.



The shelter itself hasn't had an upgrade in several years and needs help badly, including replacing the window nets which are old and torn. Without them, there is a likelihood of the mothers getting mosquito bites and end up having malaria. Malaria is still one of the highest killers in this region of Africa. This building is now set for some major repairs at the cost of \$3,500. If you would like to make a special contribution for this work, send your check showing "Repairs." It will certainly be appreciated.  
Thanks, **Bisani**